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The Panama News

For some time I have been using a free online English-language newspaper, www.ThePanamaNews.com, to follow local events in Panama. A few weeks ago I sent the editor an email to let their readers know that free digital copies of the CZP and COPAPHIL's (Colombia-Panama) publication, *COPACARTA*, were available to anyone who sent me an email requesting them. To my surprise they published my email

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Meeting Announcement

At APS StampShow
Pittsburgh, PA
August 6-9, 2009
CZSG Meeting - 2 P.M.
Sunday, August 9th

Reminder:

2009 CZSG Mail Sale

Consignments for the 36th CZSG Mail Sale should be sent to arrive between **July 15th and August 31st**. An inventory list must accompany consignments. Certificates are required for Scott No. 1, 2, 3, and 15.

The Mail Sale Manager reserves the right not to include any item submitted, especially damaged or poor quality examples of lower value stamps, postal stationery, and covers. If sending odd-sized items or a large number of items, please send an inventory in advance.

Ship material registered or insured to:
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Washington, DC 20016-0583

Major Double Transfer on No. 93

By Richard D. Bates, Jr.

The release of the George Brett material to the philatelic marketplace has produced some interesting surprises already reported in the last two issues of the CZP. In March Jacques Schiff Auctions offered a large amount of Canal Zone material that Brett had accumulated, much of it heavily duplicated. Mr. Schiff spotted and lotted separately an item identified by George Brett as a double transfer on Canal Zone Scott No. 93. It produced a good bit of excitement when it was available for viewing at the APS show in Texas in March, as well as at the CZSG meeting at WESTPEX in April. It also attracted considerable attention and active bidding at the Schiff auction in New Jersey.

In the Introduction in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue*, double transfers are described as:

the condition of a transfer on a plate that shows evidences of a duplication of all or a portion of the design. A double transfer usually is the result of the changing of the registration between the relief and the plate during the rolling in of the original entry. Occasionally it is necessary to remove the original transfer from a plate and enter the relief a second time. When the finished re-transfer shows indications of the original transfer, because of incomplete erasure, the result also is known as a double transfer.

The stamp in question is illustrated in fig. 1. The double transfer is on the left side, with all lines in approximately the left quarter of the stamp doubled. This can be seen more easily in the expanded view of the Canal Zone stamp shown in fig. 2a, where it can be compared with the image of the normal stamp shown as fig. 2b. The search for a match with one of the images on the plate proofs was restricted to those plates for U.S. Scott No. 569 which were overprinted to create the first printing of CZ



Fig. 1 Canal Zone No. 93 with
double transfer at left

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CZ Stamps=Canal Zone Stamps, by Gilbert N. Plass, Geoffrey Brewster, and Richard H. Salz, The Canal Zone Study Group, 1986

CZP=The Canal Zone Philatelist

Entwistle=The Postal Markings of the Canal Zone, 2nd Edition, by Lawson P. Entwistle, The Canal Zone Study Group, 1992

French=Encyclopedia of Plate Varieties on U.S. Bureau-Printed Postage Stamps, by Loran C. French, Bureau Issues Association, 1979.

Scott=Scott's Specialized Catalogue of U.S. Stamps, current edition.

President's Report

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but I did not know it until I started receiving requests for the digital copies, on the average of about one a day for two weeks. In almost every case it was from someone who had a CZ and/or a Panama stamp collection but did not know about the CZSG. I sent them the pdf files and told them we had a great deal to offer at our website and hoped that they will one day become members.

If you would like to help promote our Group and offer a digital CZP by email, simply email me and I will send you back Whole No. 168, the issue for Q3, 2008. It also has our membership form attached to make it easy for people to join.

Help requested for a Census - 1917 Taboga Interned Alien Mail

Recently on eBay a cover sent by an Interned Alien in 1917 was offered for sale. In the description it said that these covers are extremely rare. I started searching CZPs, our Mail Sales, and old auction catalogues and so far have come up with about 10 different items in the form of penalty covers, postal stationery, and one on-piece. This has proved interesting enough to turn into a small research project which should be published in the next issue of the CZP. As some of these covers are no doubt owned by our members, I would be grateful if the owners could send me, if possible, a color scan of both sides of their covers. 300 dpi tif is preferred but jpeg, color photocopies, or b&w photocopies would suffice. Color copies would be nice as they could show the ink nicely and we would like to have at least one with the article. When emailing me please put "Taboga" in the Subject line. As an incentive I will snail mail or email back the list/census of those that I have found to everyone who responds by the end of July.

Help needed for Type III, Scott 46, 47, 48 Research

My research of the Panama 1909 ABNCo series is finally rolling. Articles on the Panama 1911 Advertising booklet were published a year ago and articles on 1916 booklets will be published this summer, all in other publications. There are many similarities to the Canal Zone Booklets and the articles could be of interest to CZ collectors. CZ specimen booklet materials were used in the 1916 article to fill gaps in the

Panama material. By email (only) I will send a copy to anyone who emails me and requests one. Please put "Panama Booklets" in the Subject line.

I am now working on the Panama 1c Balboa stamp, Scott No. 197, and will merge the results in with similar work published in the CZP on the Canal Zone specimens from the ABNCo Archive Sale in 1990. Of particular interest to me and perhaps to Canal Zone purists, are the CZ Type III issues, Scott 46, 47, and 48, as these were overprinted on "Panama" stamps in the Canal Zone. I hope to be able to point out exactly which Panama printings, but to do so I need good quality scans, if possible, of mint copies with the top selvage, and a similar copy of the back as some printings appear to have used different gums which will help identify the date of the ABNCo printing. Please contact me if you would be able to help. If you contact me by email, please put "CZ Type III" in the subject line.

Coveleski Estate Sale Catalogue

A scanned copy in pdf format of the catalogue for the Coveleski Estate Sale in March 1931, is now available. It was one of the first important sales of Canal Zone and Panama material. Check our website or email me (put "Coveleski" in the subject line) for an electronic copy.

Secretary's Report

John C. Smith

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As of May 8, 2009, our membership stands at 647 members, which includes 58 who have not yet paid their dues. As always, we will do our best to retrieve those who have not yet renewed by sending out reminder notices. Thank you all for your valued membership.

New Members

2595 Thomas N. Buckley, NC
2596 Michael D. Cherrington, TX
2597 Daniel Trabke, NV
2598 Fabio Vaccarezza, ITALY
2599 David S. Durbin, MO

Address Changes

2377 John D. Hankin, NJ

Resigned Members

0720 Arthur D. Pesin, MD

Deceased Members

2284 Edward J. Powell
2580 George W. Whetstone

CZSG 40th Annual Meeting at WESTPEX

The fortieth consecutive annual meeting of the CZSG at WESTPEX took place in San Francisco (Burlingame), CA on April 25, 2009. Dick Salz chaired the meeting, which was attended by 10 other CZSG members, including Tom Brougham, George Campbell, Jim Crumpacker, Ken Flagg, Irwin Gibbs, David Leeds, Dickson Preston, Russ Samuels, Ron Trefry, and Gary Weiss. Dick was an organizer of the first CZSG meeting at WESTPEX in 1970 (see *CZP*: 16, 25) and has been present at all but one of the subsequent meetings. The group received a warm welcome and congratulations from George Shalimoff, Vice Chairman of WESTPEX, which was celebrating its 49th consecutive show.

After introductions, Dick began the meeting by presenting the CZSG Service Award to Tom Brougham for significant and continuing contributions to the Group.

In the open discussion that followed, Irwin Gibbs noted that the United Postal Stationery Society (UPSS) is preparing an update of their U.S. Possessions Handbook. Irwin is editing the Canal Zone section, which will also be issued as a separate, 74 page Handbook. Distribution to CZSG members is anticipated with one issue of the 2009 *CZP*. Dickson Preston noted an upcoming meeting of the CZSG at

PIPEX in Portland, OR on May 24, 2009, and George Campbell mentioned that the CZSG Metro Chapter would again hold its annual meeting at NOJEX in Secaucus, NJ on May 23, 2009.

The one-hour meeting culminated with the customary "show and tell." Dickson Preston displayed an oversized PPC that had been returned for additional postage that was paid by a Balboa meter. Tom Brougham showed several covers, each properly franked with a copy of the seldom seen 18-cent 25th Anniversary issue (No. 132). Gary Weiss circulated and discussed a remarkable double transfer on the 30c value of the Fourth Bureau overprint (No. 93) described elsewhere in this issue of the *CZP*. Irwin Gibbs passed around copies of the 1c "War Tax Essay" on the 1916 stamped envelopes (Scott No. U1 and U2). George Campbell presented a cover bearing a scarce 1913 Miraflores-Registered cds, acquired at the show. Finally, Dick Salz circulated the Bienkowski First Series covers that had appeared in the 1st quarter 2009 *CZP*. These included the cover with four singles of No. 2, one of which had an additional "CANAL Z" overprint. He also showed a previously uncatalogued variety of No. 14c, with the surcharge shifted to read "cts...8".

The meeting concluded with the participants resolving to meet again in 2010 at the 50th WESTPEX Show.

George Campbell (Guest Reporter)



Seated: Dick Salz and David Leeds
Standing from left: Jim Crumpacker, Irwin Gibbs, Russ Samuels, George Campbell, Tom Brougham, Ken Flagg, Dickson Preston

A Brief Report on the 2008 Mail Sale

The 35th CZSG Mail Sale closed on October 5, 2008. A total of 684 lots were offered from material which had been submitted by 27 CZSG members. The total catalog and estimate value for all lots was \$89,012.

There were 120 bidders. Of these, 106 were successful on one or more lots. The

603 lots which sold brought \$48,472. The remaining 81 lots went unsold.

This Mail Sale made a profit for the CZSG of \$1,520.

The full catalog with illustrations and prices realized is posted on the CZSG website at www.czsg.org. All other past Mail Sale catalogs and prices realized are also posted.

Tom Brougham

Tom Brougham

Recipient of CZSG Service Medal

The Canal Zone Study Group has selected Tom Brougham as the twelfth recipient of the Alfred R. Bew Service Award. This award is named for the long-time Secretary of the CZSG to recognize his tireless efforts on behalf of the Study Group for nearly twenty years, beginning with the reorganization of the Study Group in 1967. Presented at the CZSG meeting at WESTPEX on April 25, 2009, the award consists of a medal and certificate prepared with the awardee's name. The 55 mm diameter medal is struck in silver, overlaid in gold, and engraved with the name of the recipient on the reverse. The medal was illustrated (*CZP*: 97,25) when the Service Award and the award to recognize exceptional exhibits of Canal Zone material were introduced.

Previous recipients of the award and the year given are:

1990	Gilbert N. Plass
	James T. DeVoss
	Richard H. Salz
1992	Lawson P. Entwistle
1993	George W. Stilwell
1997	Richard D. Bates, Jr.
	John Smith
	Richard H. Larkin
2001	Robert J. Karrer
2003	Richard Murphy
2007	Richard Spielberg

Tom Brougham is the author of the recent CZSG Handbook *Type III Overprint Issues of the Canal Zone* and the developer of the CZSG website. He has also conducted or co-conducted the CZSG Mail Sale on five occasions. In addition he has been President of the CZSG and a member of the Board of Directors. A long time resident of Berkeley, CA, Tom has served as a member of the school board in Berkeley, and is a regular and enthusiastic supporter of the activities of the CZSG. Congratulations and thanks, Tom!

Richard D. Bates, Jr.



Dick Salz presenting Service Medal to Tom Brougham

Contents of Safe No. 42451

With the disestablishment of the Canal Zone Postal Service on September 30, 1979, there was a need to destroy stamps on hand and to develop a plan for disposition of remaining postal items of historical and philatelic value, many if not all of which wound up in the National Postal Museum (NPM) of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. These are identified in the document Auditor Report No. 397, which is reproduced below. With it, and the Finding Guide for the Panama Canal Zone Post Office collection at the National Postal Museum (<http://www.postalmuseum.si.edu/findingguides/index.html>), philatelists can gain access to the materials from the CZPS now available at the NPM.

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GENERAL AUDIT DIVISION OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT PANAMA CANAL COMMISSION

April 24, 1982

To : Administrator
Through: General Services Director
Chief Financial Officer
From : General Auditor
Subject : Inventory of Historic and Philatelic Items
of Former Canal Zone Postal Division
Audit Report No. 397

INTRODUCTION

1. Effective midnight September 30, 1979, the Canal Zone Postal Service was disestablished under provisions of the Panama Canal Treaty of 1977. All operating stock of stamps and stamped envelopes remaining on hand at entry into force of the Treaty were consolidated, accounted for, and subsequently destroyed by burning in accordance with the Treaty Implementation Plan.

2. Also remaining on hand at entry into force were postal items of historic and philatelic value under the direct control and accountability of the General Services Director. Control and accountability over these items, which were separate and distinct from the remaining postal operating stock destroyed after entry into force, had been transferred from the Director of Posts to the General Services Director during the close out of the postal service.

3. This report contains the results of physical inventories of the historic and philatelic items and recommends that a formal plan of disposition be developed and submitted to the Administrator for approval.

INVENTORY RESULTS

4. A partial Inventory of historic and philatelic items was made by the General Services Director and observed by General Audit Division auditors during the close out of the Canal Zone Postal Service. A complete inventory could not be made at that time because Treaty implementation matters of higher priority required the attention of the General Services Director. As a result, all these items were stored in safe No. 42451 with access limited to the General Services Director. The safe was sealed by the General Audit Division until a complete inventory could be scheduled.

5. A complete Inventory of the items was made during the period December 15-22, 1981 by an employee of the General Services Bureau. This inventory was observed by General Audit Division auditors. All items included in the partial inventory were accounted for.

6. Results of the inventory of December 15-22, 1981 are detailed in the attached schedules. The inventory consists of an extensive collection of historic and philatelic items which was accumulated over the 75-year operation of the Canal Zone Postal Service. These items are summarized as:

- a. 94 sheets and 12 coils containing 30,208 imperforated stamps,
- b. 626 mint sheets containing 45,870 regular issue stamps,
- c. 5 coils containing 1,700 regular issue stamps,
- d. 2,456 loose stamps of various denominations,
- e. 49 booklets containing 980 air mail stamps,
- f. 223 sheets containing 22,300 precancelled stamps,
- g. 301 laminated stamps,
- h. 7,277 stamps affixed to programs, commemorative cards, collections, and envelopes,
- i. 268 die proofs of stamps,
- j. 55 negatives of stamp designs,
- k. 36 dies for printing envelopes,
- l. 1,152 official postal seals,
- m. 64 commemorative folders, and
- n. 30 "First-day-of-issue" cancellation stamps.

The die proofs and negatives portray Canal Zone stamps during various stages of printing and various approved and disapproved models of stamps.

7. The inventory items have historic and philatelic value far greater than would ordinarily exist because of the interest in items representative of the period in which the Canal Zone Postal Service operated. It would be difficult, if not impossible, to assign a value to the inventory because some of the items - imperforated sheets and die proofs - are one of a kind, not generally available in the philatelic markets. The die proofs were provided by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing of the U.S. Treasury Department to facilitate design and color selection of the stamp issues. Die proofs in the inventory represent every stamp issue printed for the Canal Zone Postal Service.

8. Since die proofs and imperforated sheets should not be available in the philatelic market, no ready basis exists to estimate the current market value of these items. Prior to the establishment of accountability and control over these items in 1966, a set of six die proofs of the 1939 "25th Anniversary" airmail issue was quoted at \$1,200 in a 1964 auction of a private collection. Recognizing that 18 years have passed since the 1964 transaction and the Canal Zone Postal Service was closed out on September 30, 1979, the 268 die proofs on hand could be considered priceless in philatelic circles. The 94 sheets and 12 coils of imperforated stamps, the 626 sheets of regular issue stamps, and the other postal and related items in the inventory should also have substantial value.

RECOMMENDATION

9. Because of the historical and philatelic value of Canal Zone postal items, we recommend that the General Services

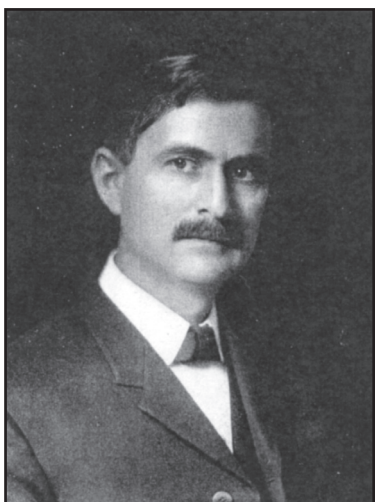
Director develop and submit to the Administrator for approval a plan for disposing of the items stored in safe No. 42451. We suggest that any plan developed be cleared with the Office of General Counsel prior to implementation.

Status

The General Services Director concurred and stated that a disposal plan would be developed for approval as recommended.

MANAGEMENT ACTION REPORTING

10. Officials to whom recommendations are addressed



Honorable Maurice Hudson Thatcher
(1870-1973)
by Irwin J. Gibbs

Scott No. 157 depicts the Thatcher Ferry Bridge which spans the Panama Canal at Balboa and was named after the ferry which crossed the canal at about the same point. The ferry was named after Maurice Thatcher of the Isthmian Canal Commission who introduced legislation which created the ferry. The name was unpopular with the government of Panama which preferred the name Bridge of the Americas. Nonetheless, the official name of the bridge became the Thatcher Ferry Bridge and continued so until Panamanian control in 1979. Thatcher cut the tape at the inauguration of the bridge on October 12, 1962.

Mr. Thatcher was appointed as a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission by President Taft in 1910. President Taft appointed him with the express purpose of organizing the Canal Zone Government. He served on the Commission from 1910 to 1913 and also as the civil governor of the Canal Zone on the retirement of Governor Blackburn.

His qualifications included legal and executive ability because he was a lawyer and had been Assistant United States Attorney for Kentucky. His duties included supervision and oversight of the division of Police and Prisons, Fire Protection, Customs and Taxes, Roads and Streets, Water Supply and Plumbing, Postal Affairs, and Schools. He also was in charge of the street, water, and sewer systems of the Panamanian cities of Colon and

are reminded that PCAR 107.5 requires written comments to audit reports within 15 working days of the report issue date; this section also requires periodic management action reports on audit recommendation until all action has been reported as complete. These comments and reports are to be addressed to the Administrator through the Chief Financial Officer.

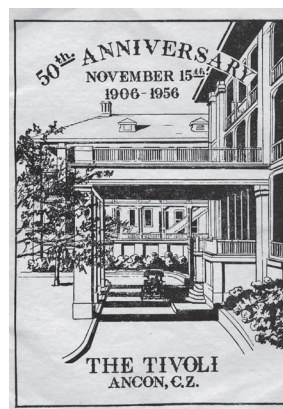
11. Also, Section 321 of Public Law 400 stipulates that audit reports be resolved within six months of completing the initial audit report. As such, this report should be resolved by October 23, 1982.

/s/ James A. Mathis

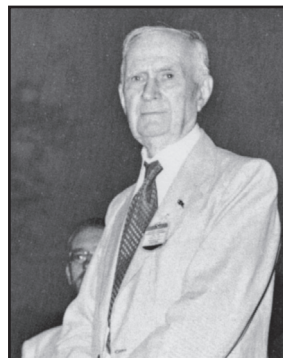
Panama. Governor Thatcher was the official channel for communications between the Republic of Panama and the Canal Zone.

After leaving the Zone, he resumed the practice of law in Kentucky and served in the House of Representatives as a Republican from 1923 to 1933. After serving in Congress, he returned to the practice of law and his hobby, writing sonnets and poetry.

For the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of The Tivoli (see cover of program below) in November 1956 he returned



to the Zone, one of several trips he and his wife made to his second home after leaving in 1913. A photo of him at that time is included below.



Governor Thatcher was married to Ann Bell Chinn in 1910 and had no children. He died January 6, 1973 at the age of 103.

References:

Biographical Directory of the United States Congress
The Panama Canal Review, August 1970
"Bridge of the Americas" - Wikipedia
Makers of the Panama Canal, F.E. Jackson 1911
"The Tivoli – 50th Anniversary" Program

Major Double Transfer on No. 93

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Fig. 2a Double transfer on left side of Scott No. 93

Fig. 2b Image of the same region on a normal stamp

No. 93, specifically plate nos. 14436-9. The match shown in fig. 3 comes from position LR79 of plate 14438.

Scans of plate proofs for the relevant plates used to produce U.S. Scott No. 569 revealed two other close matches nearly as complete as the one illustrated in fig. 3. These and several additional more minor, partial unerased transfers will be the subject of a future article.

The image in fig. 3 provides a good way to see the features of this double transfer. The second transfer is darker and lies to the right of the unerased first transfer. The actual stamp and pos. LR79 show a wide left vertical frame line with a vertical white patch separating the two entries.

A place to look that provides clear identification of even small shifts on stamps in this series is at the points of the triangles or triangle-like structures near the left frame line highlighted by the red #1 arrows in the figure. In addition the junction of the vertical inner frame line with the semicircular arc containing "UNITED" does not meet at the edge (#2 blue arrows), whereas in the normal stamp the connection is a natural extension of the edge of the arc.

Additionally examine the number 30 in the circle at lower left indicated by the green #3 arrows in the figure. On the stamp and on LR79 of 14438 there are clearly extra lines several places in the 3 highlighted by the green arrows. There is also some doubling of the vertical portion of the left part of the numeral 0 in the circle at lower left. As marked by the black #4 arrows, the doubling in the bottom of the letters in UNIT... is also evident.

At present the listing in *Scott* for the parent stamp (U.S. No. 569) includes a double transfer variety that occurs on plate 16065. The DT is described in *French's Encyclopedia of Plate Varieties* as occurring on the right side of stamps from pos. UR52. However, stamps from this plate were not overprinted CANAL ZONE, flat or sharp A, and thus this DT cannot give rise to a Canal Zone variety.

Given that the stamp sold in the Schiff Auction had been identified by George Brett as a double transfer and given his predilection to publish extensively about his findings, it is surprising not to have an early reference to it by him, nor reference to it in the material that lead up to the publication of *CZ Stamps*. There is a report of a U.S. stamp with similar characteristics to the one in fig. 1, but it is described in Johl as having a SE at the bottom. (*The United States Postage Stamps of the 20th Century*, Vol. 3,

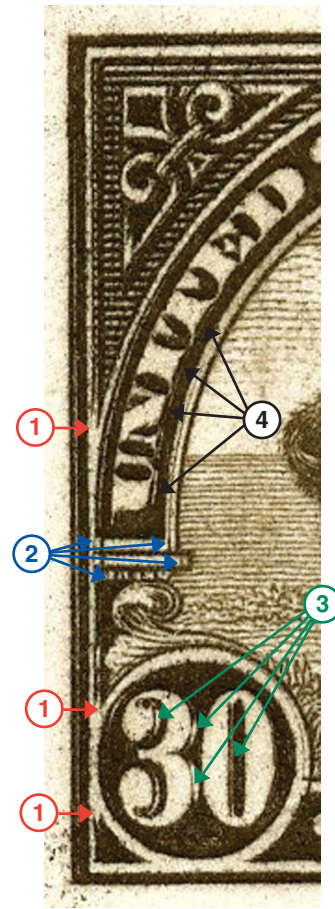


Fig. 3 Plate proof image of pos. LR79 on plate 14438 showing double transfer at left

Max G. Johl, H. L. Lindquist, NY, NY 1935) It is likely from a plate number that was not overprinted for Canal Zone, given the extensive checking of the plates that received the sharp A overprint for Canal Zone without finding it. There is a second report (*The Bureau Specialist*, July 1940, p. 100) of a Canal Zone stamp with sharp A overprint that very closely resembles the shift in Johl's book except it is perforated at the bottom, not SE. The description is given as item Unknown Position 2, but is not illustrated and the position had not been identified at that time.

Like the known double transfer on Scott Canal Zone No. 86 "double transfer 15571 UL 82," the variety described in this report should be considered for listing in the *Scott Specialized Catalogue* as "93 double transfer 14438 LR 79" and should be priced to reflect the selling price in the Schiff auction for the discovery copy, which was \$552 including commission. One can estimate the number of copies that can possibly exist. There were 50,000 examples overprinted for the first printing of No. 93 using four different plates. If each of the plates and all four positions were equally likely, only one in 1600 stamps would be from this position, on roughly 32 possible examples.

The author appreciates the help provided by Jim O'Donnell at the NPM, by Daniel Piazza and American Printing for help with fig. 3, by Jacques Schiff in spotting this item in the Brett material as well as making it available for inspection and scanning, and by Gary Weiss and Jay Stotts for discussions about plate varieties.

Appreciation is expressed to the NPM for the scans of the plate proof included in this article.

The Coveleski Estate Sale on Canal Zone and Panama March 14, 1931 Canal Zone Booklet Lots by Richard F. Larkin

The Coveleski sale in 1931 included only three lots of Canal Zone booklet material which provide the basis for the discussion below.

One lot, No. 228, was listed as "1 booklet of 1c stamps, one of 2c stamps, of 24 stamps each, with stamps #41 & 42." Lot 228 could include any of the booklets of overprints of types I, II, IV, or V of the Balboa/Cordoba issues, numbers 31/32, 38/39 (either perf or cut edge), 52/53, or 55/56. In 1931, *Scott* used catalog numbers 41 and 42 to describe all of these issues.

Lot 226 was described as "Very rare booklet pane of 12, 2c stamps #42. One page with the vertical strip of 3, without surcharge. This is the only complete booklet of this variety known. Beautiful & unique" with an estimate of \$1,500.00. Lot 226 is what is now numbered 53d: the 2c Type IV overprint booklet pane, left 3 stamps without overprint. The catalog writer seems to have used the phrase 'booklet pane' to also refer to an unexploded booklet, so this lot is presumably a full booklet as it refers to 12 stamps, which would be 2 panes of 6. However only one pane in the booklet is described as the error, so the second known pane of this error, which produced the pair and block of four (see *Canal Zone Stamps*, pp. 276-277), must have come from a different booklet. The complete pane, by then removed from the booklet, was sold in the Helme sale in 1996, by Shreves in 2003 (where it is described as ex-Conger and the CZ material is described as collected by Del Parker), and by Siegel in 2009; it is pictured on page 276 of *CZ Stamps*. This pane is illustrated in fig. 1.

Lot 227 consisted of "Booklet pane of 24, 2c stamps, in the cover of the 1c booklet. Five of these booklets were sold at the Ancon, C. Z. P. O. at 25c each, before the error was discovered, and booklets called in. The clerk, Mr. Geo. Backer, who furnished this information, was obliged to make up for the loss. Rare item, est. 100.00"

The booklet in lot 227 is the salmon cover error, containing



Fig. 1 Booklet pane 53d, 2c Type IV, left three stamps without overprint

4 panes of 32c, an example of which is shown in fig. 2. Auction catalogs which include examples of the salmon 1c error booklet covers with 2c panes of 32c keep repeating the outdated information from *CZ Stamps* that there are only 6 such booklets in existence. When *CZ Stamps* was being

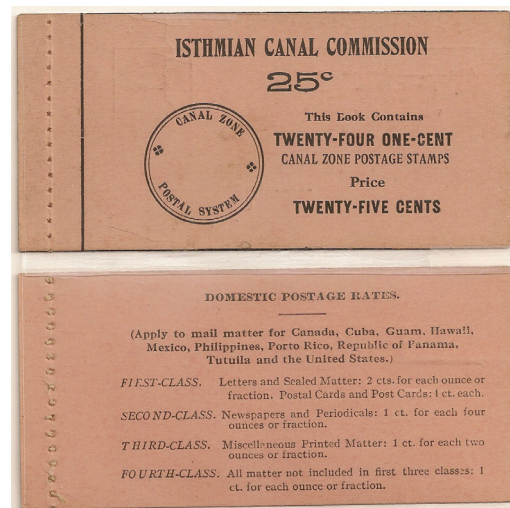


Fig. 2 Canal Zone No. 32c cover error

prepared, no one had ever done a systematic survey. The Siegel Whitpain sale catalogue in February this year repeated this erroneous information.

There are now more than 26 of these known (it is currently believed that 2 sets of sheets of stamps were mis-assembled, which would mean that 28 booklets were produced). I have been accumulating data now for several years and have identified at least 20 different complete booklets, and 4 sets of loose covers without panes, for a documented (I have scans of all of them) total of 24. I have anecdotal evidence of 2 others of which I do not have scans, for a total of 26. Since we know that booklets in those days were made in increments of 14 per set of sheets, there must have been at least 28 made, but probably not as many as 42 (or there would be more around today). An earlier version of my compilation was published in the *CZP* (1st Q 1999).

Note that one 'Coveleski' booklet item was not in the sale: the unique cover with a pair of 53d, addressed to Coveleski, pictured on page 277 of *CZ Stamps*. This cover, illustrated in fig. 3, was acquired by its current owner in the Plass sale in 1993. The catalog of which does not describe its provenance. Apparently either the cover had been disposed of previously, or his family kept it out of the 1931 sale for some reason, and disposed of it later. (Coveleski had died in 1924, per *CZP* 2Q 1995, whole # 115, which describes the 1931 sale.)



Fig. 3 Cover addressed to Covaleski with 53d pair.

Centennial of the Opening of the Panama Canal

The Board of Directors of the CZSG has received a copy of a letter from William Mahaffey addressed to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, USPS Stamp Department. He calls for the Study Group to join in efforts to call for issuance of a commemorative stamp, or a series of commemorative stamps, in 2014. Part of his letter is reproduced below.

I am writing to suggest emphatically that the Centennial of the August 14, 1914 opening of the Panama Canal be considered for philatelic commemoration in 2014. The construction of the Panama Canal is, without dispute, one of the modern engineering marvels of the world. The American effort in the Panama Canal Zone was also the scene of several noteworthy medical achievements, namely the control of malaria and yellow fever, and the establishment of the first sanitation system and safe water supply in Central America.

The initial explorations by the United States and history of the French failure at building a canal across the Isthmus of Panama are also fascinating chapters in the Canal's complex history.

The American effort in Panama commenced in 1904, and the Canal was inaugurated ahead of schedule in August 1914, more than five decades following the completion of the Panama Railroad across the isthmus, yet another noteworthy event in American history.

The construction of the Panama Canal is of immense historical interest deserving of philatelic commemoration, but the philatelic history of the Canal Zone is also

very exciting in itself. Many Canal Zone stamps were engraved and printed by the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Those beautiful stamps graphically illustrate the history of building the Canal and its operation as well as many personages associated with the Canal's successful completion.

I believe that commemorating the centennial of the Panama Canal's inauguration is a philatelic opportunity that cannot be overlooked, a welcome return to true commemorative stamps. A single stamp would be inadequate in my opinion. Perhaps an extravaganza of revalued Canal Zone stamps and/or a prestige book to be issued in collaboration with some major philatelic event in 2014 would be appropriate.

I would also suggest a joint issue with the Republic of Panama acknowledging the timely and successful return of the Panama Canal to Panamanian control.

Historically, the commencement of the First World War will compete for the philatelic attention deserved by the inauguration of the Panama Canal in 1914. Even the 1912 sinking of the RMS Titanic, which the Canal was designed to accommodate, might even compete for philatelic attention, or even be incorporated into your commemoration of the Panama Canal. I sincerely believe that the construction and opening of the Panama Canal, well ahead of schedule in 1914, is the more deserving of the two events.

Please contact David Zemer at the address or email address shown on this first page of this issue if you are interested on working to promote a 100th Anniversary of the Opening of the Canal stamp or stamp series.

Philatelic Show 2009 Boxborough MA May 2, 2009

By far the largest attendance for the Northeast chapter was at StampShow2008 last August in Hartford. Prior to the Boxborough meeting, a number of regulars emailed the fact that they could not attend. There were no Canal Zone exhibits in the show.

This year we were only four in number, including Elliot Coleman, who only stopped by briefly because he had a booth to run (as did John Nunes). Elliot Coleman, as usual, had a lot of rare material, and may be providing some for the website feature. Ken Sanford, although not a member, is an aerophilatelist who specializes in crash covers, and has some from the Canal Zone. Also he was interested in the topic of Lindbergh's 1928 Goodwill Tour to Panama. The two regular attendees (other than the writer) made an extraordinary effort to attend.

They included George McHugh, who was the prime mover to initiate our first meeting in 1997, and Richard Potter, who just had his 90th birthday, and made the effort to be driven 100 miles in time for the advertised 10 AM start. However, due to a glitch on the Committee's part, it was not to begin until 11 AM. Dick brought a couple of covers and a customs card to show.

I brought a one-frame exhibit of Lindbergh's Latin

American Goodwill Tour, which he made in the *Spirit of St. Louis*. It started with Lindbergh Day in Puerto Rico on February 2, 1928. It continued to Haiti and the Dominican Republic on the 6th and 7th, and then on to Panama on the 9th. Lindbergh Day was celebrated there on the 11th on the Pacific side, and on the 12th on the Atlantic side. The Tour ended in St. Louis on the 13th. It is to be the subject of a PowerPoint presentation that is being developed. I showed a series of photographs on my laptop that will be on that program. The photos were all provided by Bob Karrer, as were some of the cover images. The photos from 1928 show Lindbergh's arrival, reception, parades, etc. in Colon and Panama in 1928.

While at one booth at the show, I heard someone ask the dealer if he had any Canal Zone material. It turned out his name is Chip Bishop, and he is the grandnephew of Joseph Bucklin Bishop, who was on the second Isthmian Canal Commission. He was appointed by Roosevelt, and ultimately became TR's biographer. Chip was looking for postcards and covers with ICC markings. He is writing a book on Bishop, and has the first chapter on the Web. [<http://www.mydearbishop.com/chapter-one.html>].

The PowerPoint program on Lindbergh's FAM 5-1 and 5-2 flights to the Canal Zone in 1929, inspired by Armand Coté, was presented at the Metropolitan Air Post Society's meeting following the CZSG meeting.

Alan P. Bentz

Auctions by Jim Crumpacker

With the exception of the Robert Siegel auction presented herein as a separate special report, the first calendar quarter of Jan. 1-Mar. 31, 2009, was slow as regards Canal Zone auction material although the Schuyler Rumsey firm had a decent offering and Jacques Schiff sold a portion of the George Brett collection.

A new entrant was Heritage Galleries of Dallas. Generally regarded as the nation's pre-eminent coin auction house, they have decided to branch out into stamps. Their first-ever stamps catalog of 400 pages was well written up but did not contain much of interest for a Canal Zone collector.

The first of the dollar amounts shown below is hammer price including the listed commission, the second price (in parentheses) is the catalog value from the 2009 *Scott Specialized Catalogue*.

- 1, OG, H, VF+ \$518 (\$600) Rumsey
- 1, used, almost VF \$497 (\$425) RegencySuperior
- 26, with Bliss Type A postage due mark,
F-VF \$161 (\$n/a) Rumsey
- 48, OG, H, VF margin copy \$299 (\$500) Rumsey
- 59, F-VF on VF regist. cover Balb. Hts.
2/1/21 to US \$777 (\$1000) Heritage
- 67, TG, H, XF \$374 (\$500) Rumsey
- 93 var., pronounced double transfer at left, OG, H, F-VF
\$552 (\$n/a) Schiff. New variety.
- 94, OG, H, F-VF, graded '80' by the PF \$138 (\$240) Rumsey
- J3, OG, NH, F \$345 (\$1000) Rumsey
- J11Cd, CANAL ZONE reading down, OG, H, F
\$104 (\$200) Rumsey

The names and addresses of the auction firms which sold these lots are shown below:

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Book Review by John E. Findling

Clymer, Adam. *Drawing the Line at the Big Ditch: The Panama Canal Treaties and the Rise of the Right*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2008. 286 pp.

Adam Clymer, the former chief Washington correspondent for the *New York Times* and the author of an important biography of Sen. Edward Kennedy, here analyzes the controversial Panama Canal Treaties of the Jimmy Carter years, not for their diplomatic significance but rather for the important influence they had on domestic politics. Canal Zone philatelists will learn enough about the long and tortuous negotiations that resulted in the treaties to understand why

their Canal Zone collections end in 1979, but one has to be a political junkie of the first order to appreciate the careful and detailed discussion of the impact that the treaties had on the rise of the political right in the late 1970s and early 1980s. The political change was seen in the creation and growth of such organizations as the National Conservative Political Action Committee (NCPAC) and the American Conservative Union (ACU), among others, which adopted the political strategy of relentlessly attacking candidates (and especially incumbents) whose views on the Canal treaties and other current issues they did not like. Their methods first proved successful in defeating Sens. Tom McIntyre (D., NH) and Dick Clark (D., Iowa) in 1978, and in presenting newly elected President Ronald Reagan with a Republican-controlled Senate in 1980. In that watershed election, conservative organizations drove such long-serving incumbent Democrats as Frank Church, George McGovern, Birch Bayh, and John Culver from office by employing the tactics of negative advertising that had first been honed in their opposition to the treaties.

Clymer argues that the importance of the Panama Canal Treaties in all of this was that they provided the first issue in the late 1970s for these conservative groups to organize around. When Ronald Reagan, after losing the presidential nomination to Gerald Ford in 1976, used his opposition to the treaties to keep his name in the news, and emotionalized the issue with the oft-repeated phrase, "We bought it. We paid for it. It's ours and we're not going to give it away..." clever political operatives like Paul Weyrich and Terry Dolan seized the moment and pushed forward their own agendas, which included much more than opposition to the canal treaties. Their strategy changed the course of American politics, at least through the term of George W. Bush. Ironically, concludes Clymer, the treaties ensured that the Panama Canal would no longer divide Panama, but they also have led to political changes that have divided America. This is a very well-researched and well-written book that those interested in our political campaign process will find hard to put down.

Editorial Richard D. Bates, Jr.

The Canal Zone Philatelist was entered in the Literature Exhibit at NAPEX 2009, and received a silver medal, just missing a vermeil. I entered it seeking comments from the judges who are experts in philatelic literature. Now I seek comments from our readers about ways to improve the *CZP*, including some changes instituted in this issue in response to the comments. The comment I am particularly trying to address is the sense that the format looked crowded, which has led me to try increased space and better delineation between articles, and between figures and text. The judges suggested keeping parts of the same article contiguous, and minimizing breaking up articles by changing from two column to three column format. Grouping articles with similar themes will be shown in the "In this Issue" block on the first page. They were very supportive of the move to color. I am particularly interested in learning of ways for the *CZP* to be of further service to members. Please email me at bates@georgetown.edu, write to the address on page 2, or contact David Zemer with comments.

Newly Discovered Double Errors on Canal Zone No. 12 by Richard D. Bates, Jr.

In an article entitled "Canal Zone Double Errors" (CZP 150: 1, 4-6), Gary Weiss described such varieties as arising "when an overprint error," such as a double or inverted overprint, "occurs on a full or part of a pane that also contains plate varieties," such as antique letters in the CANAL ZONE overprint, or PANAMA in the PANAMA overprints. His article included the comments that these combination varieties are surprisingly hard to find, as many that should possibly exist were not currently known.

This article reports three new double errors, each of which is on Canal Zone No. 12. They are assigned tentative CZSG numbers consistent with the Checklist and the examples of double errors already included in the previous article. The first of these is an example of Scott No. 12c, CANAL ZONE double, that also shows the variety ANAMA at left. The pair containing this variety on the lower stamp is illustrated in fig. 1. The variety has a straight edge at bottom as is



Fig. 1 12c CANAL ZONE double with ANAMA variety at left on lower stamp

appropriate, as all the known ANAMA at left examples come from the bottom row, positions 91, 92-6, and 98-100. Based on the break in the second A in CANAL at upper left on the top stamp, this pair plates as positions 83 & 93 of stage I, and should be assigned CZSG 12c.15. This pair has a PF certificate stating it is a genuine Canal Zone No. 12c, but not mentioning the ANAMA variety. Examples from the other positions from the bottom row with ANAMA on the pane with the double CANAL ZONE overprint on carmine PANAMA should exist. This pair was spotted for sale on eBay without the ANAMA variety being noted. An example in a block of four had sold at auction in the 1960s.

The second example shown in fig. 2 is a No. 12d, PANAMA double, that also has the variety PAMANA reading down at



Fig. 2 12d PANAMA double with PAMANA variety reading down at right

right. It is from pos. 100, as the SE and small arrow in the lower right corner indicate, and should be assigned CZSG 12d.8. This double variety should also have been created on pos. 95 of the same pane, but only a small fraction of the double PANAMA errors that could exist have been recovered.

The final newly reported example is shown in fig. 3 and is a No. 12e, PANAMA overprint inverted, bar at the bottom



Fig. 3 12e Panama overprint inverted with right PANAMA reading PAMANA

which also has the variety PAMANA reading down at right. If the PANAMA overprint were not inverted, the PAMANA would read up at left, and would be from pos. 54 or 59. This example is used with a Cristobal Hs-11 cancel, and should be assigned CZSG 12e.7; at least one other should theoretically have been created. This item has an APS certificate.

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Special Auction Report by Jim Crumpacker

In one of the more remarkable auctions of Canal Zone philately, Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries offered on Feb. 12 the "Whitpain" collection of US possessions, which included just over 200 lots of Canal Zone. The considerable majority of these lots were a multiple of some sort, i.e., a plate block, strip, booklet pane, or multiple on cover.

Normally in these reports I prefer a simple description for a simple stamp; this is to help you comparison shop when bidding for a similar item. Many of the lots in this sale have only informative value and do not lend themselves to comparison. For instance, Lot 715 consisted of three booklet panes of #73a, each with a different plate number, two panes having tropical gum. This lot sold for \$2645 including 15% commission against a normal catalog value of \$525 for three "regular" panes. Somehow I don't think you will be seeing the likes of that lot again.

The first price shown below is hammer plus commission and is followed by the catalog value in parentheses from the 2009 *Scott Specialized Catalogue*.

1, VF strip of 3 on VF cover, one stamp with PANAMA 16mm long,
Ancon 7/5/04 to Cristobal \$1150 (\$1500)

4, pl. bl. 6, #2144-L w/ imprint, OG, H, F \$551 (\$925)
5, pl. bl. 6, #2206-B w/ imprint, OG, H, VF \$1265 (\$1000)
7, pl. bl. 6, #1500-B w/ imprint, OG, 5 stamps NH, F-VF \$5513 (\$3500)
22a, horiz. pair, imperf. between, OG, H, VF+\$920 (\$1300)
31c, compl. handmade booklet of 4 panes, pos. G, OG, NH, VF \$2875 (\$2300)
32c, compl. handmade booklet of 4 panes but w/ covers for the 1 cent, OG, NH, VF \$3738 (\$3000)
53d, booklet pane of 6, left vert. row of 3 w/o overprint, TG, one tiny adherence o/w F \$13225 (\$15000)
71c, CANAL only, OG, NH, VF w/ top selvage \$2185 (\$1750)
78, pl. bl. 6, #14910-T w/ "F", OG, NH, VF \$1725 (\$850)
84, pl. bl. 6 in a bl. 8, #17814-R w/ large 5 point star, OG, H, bit wrinkly o/w VF+\$6900 (\$2060)
84a, CANAL only, in top margin pair w/ 84b, ZONE CANAL, OG, H, VF \$3738 (\$3250)
95, pl. bl. 6, #14268-B, OG, H, F-VF \$1725 (\$2100)
101a, compl. booklet of 4 panes, OG, NH, F pos. A \$920 (\$640)
J1, pl. bl. 6 in a bl. 8, #5510-B w/ imprint and star, sl. TG, minor perf. seps. o/w VF \$4313 (\$1170)
J3, pl. bl. 6, #6555-R, TG, H, VG-F+ w/ some interl. adherence, a selvage cr. and minor perf. seps. Supposedly the only plate block extant from this number \$23000 (\$8500)
J14, pl. bl. 6, #5540-L w/ imprint and star, OG, H, F \$3220 (\$3500)
J20, pl. bl. 6, #6556-L w/ imprint and star, "slightly tropical OG" H, F-VF \$1610 (\$1250)
J20a, vert. pair, one w/o overprint, the unique pl. bl. 6, #6555-T w/ imprint and star, top 3 stamps w/o overprint, OG, H in selvage only, F \$26450 (\$18000)

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Unlisted Advertised Marking

At a recent stamp show, a wonderful Canal Zone cover traded between dealers prior to the show and sold at the show. Both sides of this small cover are powerful. On the reverse of the cover (fig. 1) is a single of Canal Zone Scott No. OX3 tied by a Cristobal October 13, 1922 cancel. Below the seal is a hand written "open by/ D. Miholas" who probably opened the letter to see if there was a return address on the letter.

The cover was mailed from Barbados August 8, 1922, to Cristobal (fig. 2). There is an August 22 receiving mark and

a previously unrecorded advertised auxiliary marking. The blue marking is of Entwistle type Ad-5 showing post office name (Cristobal), Advertised, Unclaimed and the date (Sep 30) in a rectangular frame. It differs from the various listed markings in being from Cristobal, in being a single-lined rectangular box without a dividing line, and for the small unclaimed below advertised.

Which side will be displayed will be determined by whether it is shown in an exhibit of official seals or advertised markings.

Gary B. Weiss

Fig. 1
Reverse of
cover



Fig. 2
Front of
cover with
Cristobal
Advertised/
Unclaimed
mark



Book Review

by Richard D. Bates, Jr.

So this is the story about my daughter and me, and about a book, a post card, and, at least to a small extent, a canal.

When I was young, my mother (and my older sister) used to read to me a book I particularly loved – most likely because it was about a penguin whose name was Richard. Maybe I even thought the book was about me.

When my children were born and I began reading to them, I expressed regret that I did not have the favorite book from when I was young to read to them. And thus the quest to find the book about Richard the Penguin began.

The story of Richard is one of a great journey, for he was playing on the ice away from his family when the ice broke off (pre-global warming), and began to float away with Richard on it. His family said "There goes Richard... send us a post card." On his journey he met many interesting characters detailed in the book, and around the middle "he saw something flat lying on the ground" and it was a post card which he took with him, "and a year or so later he found a pencil, by chance,

and the same way he met a stamp." (The philatelic tie – an early cover preparer!) And, with considerable difficulty, he wrote the post card.

He tucked the post card under his arm and began his journey home, beginning in Florida, over the Mississippi, through Mexico, and along the way "he had to jump a canal" (AHA!), over the Andes, through the jungle in South America, finally floating on a log back home. What had happened was that nobody had told him about post offices, so when he reached his family he handed them the card and said "Here is that post card you made such a fuss about."

Hopefully, this story serves to encourage you to keep looking for elusive items, including post cards hand carried to the South Pole, and to suggest how this book may have, at least subconsciously, triggered my interest in stamps and the Panama Canal Zone.

My daughter, Dunlea, subsequently identified the title of the book (made more difficult because "Richard" does not appear in the title), and then through the Library of Congress found a copy to look at, reproducing by hand some of the images from the book. The book, entitled *Well, About the Penguin* was written by Price Day and published by Simon and Schuster in 1939. It was one of the *Time Magazine* books of the year in 1939.

Copies are very scarce. An on-line search revealed only three copies not in private hands, one of which is in storage at the Library of Congress.

